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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby submits the attached copies of information for consideration by the Office under 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, as listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, supplemental to the Statement filed 26 December 2001.

In accordance with MPEP §609A(3), where the information listed is not in English, but was cited in an Action by a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, a concise explanation of the relevance of information is satisfied by submission of an English-language version of the Action that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign Office. Further, attached to each of the JP references is an English language Abstract for the reference. A Patent Abstract of Japan was not available for JP 3-505922, and Applicant instead submits a copy of the Abstract for the published PCT application corresponding to JP 3-505922.

Further, in accordance with MPEP §609B(2), Applicant certifies that all of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were first cited in a

